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Idaho Milk Production Up 7.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2012 totaled 1.04 billion pounds, a 7.9 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 6.5 percent from January 2012. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to leap year causes February milk pounds production to be up 4.1 percent on a per day basis. Average milk production per cow in February 2012 was 1,800 pounds, up 110 from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during February was 580,000 head, up 7,000 from February 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 8.3 percent from February 2011. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to leap year causes February milk production to be up 4.6 percent on a per day basis. January revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 3.9 percent from January 2011. The January revision represented an increase of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for February, 117 pounds above February 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.51 million head, 102,000 head more than February 2011, and 8,000 head more than January 2012.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	185	192	1,915	2,060	354	396	11.9
California	1,756	1,784	1,800	1,965	3,161	3,506	10.9
Colorado	123	133	1,795	1,865	221	248	12.2
Florida	118	122	1,690	1,740	199	212	6.5
Idaho	573	580	1,690	1,800	968	1,044	7.9
Illinois	98	100	1,530	1,630	150	163	8.7
Indiana	171	175	1,585	1,700	271	298	10.0
Iowa	208	205	1,630	1,750	339	359	5.9
Kansas	122	123	1,615	1,710	197	210	6.6
Michigan	364	374	1,790	1,910	652	714	9.5
Minnesota	470	465	1,485	1,585	698	737	5.6
Missouri	95	93	1,140	1,215	108	113	4.6
New Mexico	324	335	1,890	1,985	612	665	8.7
New York	610	610	1,620	1,730	988	1,055	6.8
Ohio	271	270	1,500	1,570	407	424	4.2
Oregon	119	123	1,555	1,600	185	197	6.5
Pennsylvania	543	541	1,510	1,570	820	849	3.5
Texas	425	436	1,720	1,835	731	800	9.4
Utah	86	91	1,590	1,690	137	154	12.4
Vermont	135	133	1,465	1,535	198	204	3.0
Virginia	95	96	1,400	1,510	137	145	5.8
Washington	251	263	1,820	1,895	457	498	9.0
Wisconsin	1,266	1,266	1,585	1,715	2,007	2,171	8.2
23 State Total	8,408	8,510	1,665	1,782	13,997	15,162	8.3

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho February Red Meat Production Down 74 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2012 totaled 3.3 million pounds, down 74 percent from February of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2012 period totaled 6.8 million pounds, down 76 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in February 2011. Beef production, at 2.01 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.56 million head, down 2 percent from February 2011. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,307 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.8 million pounds, 6 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,200 head, down 13 percent from February 2011. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from last year, at 276 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.88 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.04 million head, up 6 percent from February 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was up 13 percent from February 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 165,400 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 149 pounds, up 8 pounds from February a year ago. January to February 2012 commercial red meat production was 8.04 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 6 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 10 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012	February 2012 As Percent of 2011 ^{1/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
California	139.9	141.5	136.6	98
Colorado	168.9	181.4	175.0	104
Idaho	12.9	3.5	3.3	26
Illinois	199.3	247.6	234.5	118
Iowa	516.9	571.5	532.1	103
Kansas	410.3	420.2	398.1	97
Minnesota	210.9	240.4	226.7	108
Montana	0.8	0.8	0.7	96
Nebraska	549.3	593.7	572.4	104
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	117
Oklahoma	97.4	103.3	93.6	96
Oregon	4.8	5.8	5.6	118
South Dakota	85.7	90.5	81.1	95
Texas	386.9	411.5	389.3	101
Utah	35.7	38.2	41.1	115
Washington	64.0	71.0	68.1	106
Wyoming	0.5	0.6	0.5	121
United States	3,810.0	4,123.4	3,914.0	103

^{1/}Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Idaho Cattle on Feed up 5 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2012 totaled 230,000 head, up 5 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is down 2 percent from February 1, 2012. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 37,000 head, up 6,000 head from February 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during February totaled 41,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during February.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on March 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above March 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent above 2011. Net placements were 1.62 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 335,000, 700-799 pounds were 469,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 510,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.76 million, 2 percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 93,000 during February, 52 percent above 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	March 1, 2011	February 1, 2012	March 1, 2012		
			Number	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	269	276	279	104	101
California	460	505	500	109	99
Colorado	1,070	1,140	1,090	102	96
Idaho	220	235	230	105	98
Iowa	650	650	670	103	103
Kansas	2,220	2,230	2,200	99	99
Nebraska	2,430	2,570	2,570	106	100
Oklahoma	360	355	340	94	96
South Dakota	265	260	260	98	100
Texas	2,830	2,900	2,840	100	98
Washington	205	227	233	114	103
Other States	407	463	465	114	100
United States	11,386	11,811	11,677	103	99

Stocks in Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on February 29, 2012 totaled 857 million pounds, a 3 percent increase from January 31, 2012, but down 4 percent from February 28, 2011. Other frozen potatoes, at 225 million pounds, are up 7 percent from last month and up 8 percent from a year ago.

United States stocks of butter on February 29, 2012 totaled 205 million pounds, up 21 percent from the end of the previous month and 48 percent from a year ago. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 606 million pounds, down 1 percent from January 31, 2012 and 2 percent from February 28, 2011.

Commodity	Feb 28, 2011	Jan 31, 2012	Feb 29, 2012	2012 2011
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	895,812	831,528	857,149	96
Other Frozen	207,126	210,847	224,618	108
TOTAL	1,102,938	1,042,375	1,081,767	98
DAIRY:				
Butter, Total	138,672	170,348	205,315	148
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	621,023	612,034	606,297	98

Small Grain County Estimates

County estimates show that 42 percent of the winter wheat acreage harvested in Idaho during 2011 was irrigated. Irrigated winter wheat yields were 110.3 bushels per acre, while non-irrigated winter wheat yields were 61.7 bushels per acre. For spring wheat, 66 percent of the harvested acreage was irrigated during 2011. Irrigated spring wheat yields were 104.5 bushels per acre, and non-irrigated spring wheat yields were 44.0 bushels per acre. Irrigated and non-irrigated estimates for barley were discontinued in 2009.

2011 Idaho Winter Wheat Production
Top 10 Counties

<i>County</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
Bingham	7,916
Cassia	5,750
Latah	5,400
Lewis	4,990
Power	3,690
Idaho	3,490
Canyon	3,389
Twin Falls	3,365
Jerome	2,090
Benewah	1,738

2011 Idaho Spring Wheat Production
Top 10 Counties

<i>County</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
Bingham	7,045
Jefferson	6,700
Bonneville	5,350
Madison	4,610
Fremont	3,370
Power	3,260
Minidoka	2,962
Cassia	2,508
Clark	1,590
Latah	1,537

2011 Idaho Barley Production
Top 10 Counties

<i>County</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
Bonneville	5,622
Jefferson	4,597
Cassia	3,913
Minidoka	3,900
Caribou	3,885
Fremont	3,665
Madison	3,250
Twin Falls	3,111
Jerome	2,456
Teton	1,995

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2010-2011

	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	
IDAHO						
Irrigated Winter Wheat	265	322	111.3	110.3	29,500	35,520
Non-irrigated Winter Wheat	445	448	64.5	61.7	28,720	27,620
Winter Wheat	710	770	82.0	82.0	58,220	63,140
Irrigated Spring Wheat	385	410	98.7	104.5	38,000	42,840
Non-irrigated Spring Wheat	230	210	43.3	44.0	9,970	9,240
Spring Wheat	615	620	78.0	84.0	47,970	52,080
Barley	470	500	92.0	93.0	43,240	46,500
Oats	20	15	84.0	70.0	1,680	1,050
UNITED STATES						
Winter Wheat	31,741	32,314	46.8	46.2	1,484,861	1,493,677
Spring Wheat	13,359	12,079	46.1	37.7	615,975	455,188
Barley	2,465	2,239	73.1	69.6	180,268	155,780
Oats	1,263	939	64.3	57.1	81,190	53,649